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1. CZECHOSLOVAKIAN PRIME MINISTER LUBOMIR STROUGAL MADE A THREE-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO TURKEY JANUARY 5-7. COMING ON THE HEELS OF THE DECEMBER 26-29 VISIT BY SOVIET PREMIER KOSYGIN, STROUGAL'S VISIT WAS SOMEWHAT ANTICLIMACTIC. NEVERTHELESS, TURKISH PRESS GENERALLY GAVE PROMINENT BUT NOT HEADLINE TREATMENT TO HIS ACTIVITIES.

2. STROUGAL WAS MET BY PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL AT THE AIRPORT AND SUBSEQUENTLY HAD A 3-HOUR PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH HIM.

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THE TWO DELEGATIONS IMMEDIATELY LAUNCHED INTO NEGOTIATIONS AND

ON THE SECOND DAY OF THE VISIT COMPLETED AND SIGNED A FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT ON LONG TERM COOPERATION IN THE ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL, INDUSTRIAL AND SCIENTIFIC FIELDS. THIS AGREEMENT ALSO PROVIDED FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MIXED TURKISH-CZECH ECONOMIC COMMISSION WHICH WOULD UNDERTAKE THE TASK OF OVERSEEING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL PORTION OF THE AGREEMENT.

3. THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED UPON STROUGAL'S DEPARTURE JANUARY 7 IS VERY SIMILAR TO THE JOINT TURK-SOVIET COMMUNIQUE ISSUED A WEEK EARLIER (REFTEL), EXCEPT IT CONTAINS NO MENTION OF THE PROSPECT OF SIGNING AN AGREEMENT ON FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. BOTH NATIONS REAFFIRM THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE.

B. THE LEADERS CONDUCTED AN OVERALL REVIEW OF THE ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND CONCENTRATED ON DEVELOPING THEIR BILATERAL COMMERCIAL RELATIONS "WHILE MAINTAINING THE NECESSARY BALANCE".

C. CULTURAL CONTACTS WILL BE INCREASED BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND A CULTURAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WILL BE SIGNED LATER.

D. DETENTE SHOULD CONTINUE AND A SPIRIT OF DETENTE SHOULD PREVAIL THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

E. IN THE CONTEXT OF REAFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR THE FINAL ACT AT HELSINKI, BOTH SIDES ALSO AGREED "THAT THE QUESTION OF COLLABORATION IN FIELDS SUCH AS ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT AND ENERGY SHOULD BE TAKEN UP ON A EUROPEAN SCALE".

F. CONTINUED EFFORTS MUST BE MADE TO SUPPLEMENT POLITICAL DETENTE BY ADEQUATE MEASURES IN THE MILITARY FIELD.

G. BOTH SIDES AGREED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE TALKS IN VIENNA ON THE "REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CENTRAL EUROPE, STRESSING THAT ANY AGREEMENT REACHED ON THIS MATTER SHOULD NOT DAMAGE THE SECURITY OF ANY STATE".

H. BOTH SIDES AFFIRMED A JOINT COMMITMENT TOWARDS GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT "UNDER STRICT AND EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL".

I. WITH RESPECT TO THE MIDDLE EAST, BOTH NATIONS CALLED

FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI FORCES FROM ALL ARAB TERRITORIES OCCUPIED IN 1967 AND THE SAFEGUARDING OF THE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO ESTABLISH THEIR OWN STATE. (COMMENT: THIS LANGUAGE IS SUBSTANTIALLY IDENTICAL TO THAT IN THE TURK-SOVIET COMMUNIQUE. END COMMENT)

J. WITH RESPECT TO CYPRUS THE TWO SIDES CALLED FOR SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM BY "PEACEFUL MEANS ON THE BASIS OF SOVEREIGN, INDEPENDENT TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND NON-ALIGNMENT OF CYPRUS, AS WELL AS THE RECOGNITION OF THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS OF THE TURK AND GREEK NATIONAL COMMUNITIES". (COMMENT: THE CZECHS APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN A LITTLE MORE FLEXIBLE ON THE CYPRUS ISSUE THAN THE SOVIETS. THE TURK-SOVIET COMMUNIQUE DID NOT MENTION "COMMUNITIES", A TERM THE TURKS CONSIDER SUPPORTIVE OF THEIR POSITION. END COMMENT)

K. BOTH PRESIDENT KORUTURK AND PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL HAD BEEN INVITED TO VISIT CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND HAD ACCEPTED WITH PLEASURE.

4. COMMENT: THE AIRMS OF BOTH SIDES WITH RESPECT TO STROUGAL'S VISIT APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN RELATIVELY MODEST AND WERE PROBABLY SATISFIED BY ITS OUTCOME. FOR THE GOT THE STROUGAL VISIT WAS IN A LARGE MEASURE SYMBOLIC, BEING PART OF A CONTINUED DRIVE TO EXPAND ITS RELATIONS WITH ITS COMMUNIST NEIGHBORS AS WELL AS ISLAMIC AND OTHER THIRD WORLD NATIONS WITH WHICH THEY HAVE NOT TRADITIONALLY HAD CLOSE RELATIONS. OTHER THAN THAT, TURKEY'S PRIMARY INTEREST SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN IN EXPANDING ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL TIES WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA. SPECIFICALLY, IT WANTED INCREASED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND EXPANDED EXPORT OPPORTUNITIES. THESE MAY BE REALIZED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT. ONE ADDITIONAL SPECIFIC DESIRE, MENTIONED IN THE TURKISH PRESS BEFORE AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DURING THE VISIT, WAS CZECHOSLOVAKIAN ASSISTANCE IN BUILDING A THERMAL POWER PLANT; HOWEVER, THERE WAS NO MENTION OF THIS PROJECT IN THE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT OR THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE. MACOMBER

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